

WASHINGTON, SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 1908.

EUROPE'S RULERS
CARRY REVOLVERS
FOR ASSASSINSEdward Exposed Gold
and Ivory Affair While
in Paris.Kaiser's Weapons In-
spected and Loaded
Daily by Officer.PARIS, April 4.—During the recent
visit of King Edward a Paris reporter
discovered to a certainty that the mon-
arch carried a revolver, a very pretty
gold and ivory affair, but a six-shooter
just the same.This caused further inquiry, resulting
in the discovery that most monarchs
carry revolvers. Indeed, Edward carried
one before he became King. It is re-
called that at one time when his horse
fell, receiving a mortal wound, the then
Prince of Wales drew a revolver and
put the animal out of his agony.On the body of the late King Carlos
of Portugal a loaded revolver was
found, but the crown prince, after be-
ing shot, had strength enough to draw
his pistol and wound one of the assas-
sins.The German Emperor's revolver is
daily inspected by his gun charger and
freshly loaded. His majesty also has a
revolver lying on a small table near his
bed.In the bedroom of the murdered King
Alexander of Serbia a small arsenal was
found when the conspirators entered
through the door shattered by dynamite.
If Alexander had not lost his head he
might have put up a good fight.Raft Almost Ready
To Make Trip From
Havre to New YorkHAVRE, April 4.—Civil Engineer
Bourne has nearly finished the raft on
which he intends to cross from here to
New York with a single companion,
leaving the French shore about the mid-
dle of May. He calculates on accom-
plishing the journey in seven weeks out
takes provisions for three months.An old Dutch sailor, who knows the
route from his connection with the
Netherlands-American and the Red Star
Lines, will accompany Bourne. The raft
consists of three layers of logs, sixty-
eight feet long by thirteen broad. There
will be three sets of sails. The raft ends
in a point fore and aft, where it will be
only two logs thick. Provisions are to
be carried amid ship, in a sort of cel-
lar made by hollowing out the upper
layer of logs.The captain and his skipper will sleep
in hammocks hung up between the
masts.MISS GLADYS GRACE
IS BELLE OF CAIROLONDON, April 4.—Letters which have
been received here from Cairo state
that the belle of what has been a very
gay season is Miss Gladys Grace, the
youngest child of Michael P. Grace,
formerly of New York, and now the
tenant of Battle Abbey, near Hastings.Miss Grace is fair, with a wonderful
complexion, and although only eight-
een, is noted for her original wit and
remarkable self-possession. The officers
of the Cairo garrison capitulated to her
after she had been there a week with
her mother, who is one of London's
most stately-looking hostesses. Mrs.
and Miss Grace have been much enter-
tained by Sir Eldon and Lady Gost, the
new "rulers" of Egypt. Miss Gladys
is the only unmarried daughter of
Michael P. Grace, who has no son.The eldest daughter is the wife of the
Hon. Hubert Beaumont, M. P., who al-
though the brother of one of the wealth-
iest British peers, Lord Allendale, has
suddenly declared himself an out-and-
out socialist. The second daughter is
the Countess of Donoughmore, and the
third married J. Phipps.That Miss Gladys will make an equal-
ly brilliant marriage is a foregone con-
clusion, but she means to enjoy her
second London season before joining
the ranks of her married sisters.MANUEL WILL WEG
WHEN YEAR IS OVERLISBON, April 4.—For reasons of
State, young King Manuel will marry
soon after the expiration of the year of
mourning.Since Queen Amelie, a French prin-
cess, is so little popular in Portugal, the
selection of a princess of the houses of
Orleans or Bourbon is out of the ques-
tion, and both press and public have
protested in advance against a queen
of German birth. This likewise elimi-
nated an Austrian princess, though the Haps-
burgs are well blessed with available
girls.The Royalists hope that an English
princess may be chosen. It would
strengthen the alliance between the two
countries and, besides, would bring some
money to the empty coffers of Portu-
guese royalty. If this idea prevails,
Lady Alexandra Duff, the seventeen-
year-old daughter of Princess Louise, a
granddaughter of King Edward, may sit
on Portugal's throne.Many New and Noted Singers
For Washington Opera SeasonBonci, Great Italian
Tenor, One of Most
Distinguished Artists
of Age.Dereyne, Cavalieri, and
Fornia, Among the
Gifted Sopranos Who
Are Coming.All music lovers of Washington are
awaiting with the keenest interest the
grand opera season by the Conried
Metropolitan Opera Company at the
National Theater. There will be three
performances, beginning Thursday,
April 15. The list of tenors announced
for the season includes distinguished
artists from Italy, Germany, and
France, several of whom have never
appeared in this city. Among the tenors
will be Alessandro Bonci, the cele-
brated Italian tenor, who was born at
Sesena, near Bologna, in 1870. His
mother was a gifted amateur singer,
and he, like many Italian boys, com-
menced to sing as soon as he could
talk. When a small boy he joined the
church choir, and at seventeen, fired by
religious enthusiasm, he commenced to
study singing with a view to joining
the famous choir of Loretto, a religious
sanctuary much frequented by pilgrims
from all parts of the world. Great was
Bonci's joy when, after three years' study,
he was selected out of forty ap-
plicants to become the leading tenor
of the choir. After three years he de-
cided to adopt an operatic career, mak-
ing his debut in Parma, as Fenton in
"Falstaff." His success was immedi-
ate, and he was engaged for the Dal
Verne Theater, Milan, making his first
appearance there as Faust. Bonci sub-
sequently sang in St. Petersburg, and
nine years ago made his debut at Con-
vent Garden in London as Rodolfo in the
ent Garden in London as Rodolfo in theMimi of Melba. The beauty of his pure
tenor voice and easy production secured
immediate recognition.

Many New Sopranos.

A number of new sopranos, also, will
be brought to Washington by Mr. Con-
ried. Among the more distinguished are
Lina Cavalieri, Bessie Abbott, Fely
Dereyne, and Rita Fornia. Lina Cava-
lieri, the Italian soprano, is by birth a
Roman. Her parents were humble,
and for many years she, herself, helped
her mother by selling flowers in the
cafes of the Piazza Colonna and the
neighborhood, where her surprising
beauty won her many admirers. The
next episode in her strange career was
her engagement by the manager of a
troupe of wandering singers. With her
unpretending associates, she went from
town to town, wearing the costume of
a contadina, and singing to the ac-
companiment of a mandolin or guitar.
Later she drifted to Paris, where one
evening she made her appearance as a
singer and dancer at the Folies-Bergere.
After a short stay there she vanished
from her accustomed haunts in Paris.
For some years nothing was heard ofher. All that time, however, she had
been studying under Mariani-Mast, to
prepare herself for grand opera. At
last she attained her ambition, and
after singing in many cities in Italy,
made her Roman debut at the Teatro
Costanzi, in "La Boheme" of Puccini.
She sang later in Russia, where she had
sensational successes, both as an artist
and a woman of rare beauty. Despite
all the adulations she received, she
worked steadily on in opera, adding role
after role to her repertory, which in-
cludes many modern lyric soprano parts,
notably the Thais and Manon of Mas-
senet, the Fedora of Giordano, the
Adriana Lecouvreur of Cilea, and the
Manon of Puccini.

Parisian and American.

Fely Dereyne was born in Paris,
where she studied at the conservatory.
She made her debut in 1903 at Nice, and
she remained there for two seasons,
creating the title role in Isidore de
Lara's opera, "Sanga" and Mimi, in
Leoncavallo's "La Boheme." She has
also sung at Marseilles and at Vichy,
where she was the first to appear in
Charpentier's "Louise" and as Salome.
Last year Mlle. Dereyne made a tour ofDistinguished Singers
Coming to Washington

- 1—Geraldine Farrar, soprano, to appear in "Mignon."
- 2—Lina Cavalieri, soprano, to appear in "La Boheme."
- 3—Antonio Scotti, tenor, to appear in "La Boheme."
- 4—Rita Fornia, soprano, to appear in "Cavalleria Rusticana."
- 5—Enrico Caruso, tenor, in "Pagliacci."
- 6—Alessandro Bonci, tenor, to appear in "Mignon."

this country with the San Carlo Opera
Company. Her repertory includes
"Faust," "Carmen," "La Boheme,"
"Mignon," "Mireille," "Pagliacci,"
"Werther," and "Manon."Rita Fornia was born in San Fran-
cisco. She began her career as a singer
six years ago in Germany, and made
her debut at the Hamburg Stadt Thea-
ter under the direction of Pollini, where
she sang such roles as Amneris, Or-
trude, Venus, Elisabeth, Brunnhilde,
Carmen, Azucena, Siebel, and Musetta.
For the last two years she has been
studying in Paris with Jean de Reske,
and she took part in the performance
of the "Barber of Seville" that was
given with Mme. Patti in Mr. De Reske's
private theater last spring.Among the Washington favorites who
will return with the Metropolitan com-
pany this season are Geraldine Farrar,
who will appear in "Mignon," and
Scotti and Caruso, to be heard in "Pag-
liacci."GENERALS FILE KICKS
AT ECONOMY IN ARMYLONDON, April 4.—The growling at
the army headquarters at Aldershot over
Mr. Haldane's territorial scheme for
home defense, and the constant cutting
down of expenses in the army, is grow-
ing louder every day, and in the mili-
tary clubs here short-tempered generals
denounce Mr. Haldane and all his works
in the strongest possible language.It is an open secret that officers are
leaving the army wholesale, and the
number of youths coming up for en-
trance to the military colleges at Sand-
hurst is a "Woolwich is dropping in a
most alarming manner."It is in the artillery branch of the ser-
vice, however, that Mr. Haldane's
scheme is so severely criticised. Lord
Roberts has warned the country again
and again of the danger of leaving the
artillery defense of the country to a
horde of amateurs. At present Mr. Hal-
dane declines to alter his scheme, which
includes the manning of a hundred and
thirty-six batteries with practically un-
trained men.Lord Roberts says he would infinitely
prefer to have fifty trained batteries of
field artillery. At Aldershot some of the
cavalry regiments are even complaining
of the under-feeding of their horses,
and at other stations the craze for
economy has resulted in a startling lack
of sufficient animals and wagons.

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LEFT OFF MAPSTwo Tiny Statelets Both-
ered Neither by Courts
Nor Officials.BERNE, April 4.—The state council of
the Canton and Valais declares its in-
ability to annex Klein-Alp, and so that
small territory remains a republic with-
out head or government as heretofore.
It is one of two European statelets
within states, which no almanac or
year book mentions.Klein-Alp is an inclosure between
Dent-Du-Midi mountain and France. It
is just about to wake up from its win-
ter sleep, for only during the warm sea-
son is this republic inhabited. About
the middle of March a few hundred
miners invade the territory to dig ore,
numerous herds are driven in by cow
girls, and the only hotel of the republic
opens its doors to fifty or more regular
boarders.Klein-Alp knows no taxes, policemen,
or officials of any kind. It hasn't
known these luxuries for centuries past,
and doesn't need them. Old chronicles
report that Klein-Alp at one time be-
longed to the Burgundians, of St. Mau-
rice, but the family died out, and in the
rearrangement of the neighboring terri-
tories Klein-Alp was forgotten.The other little lost republic came
about in this wise: When Austria and
Italy regulated their frontiers in Tyrol,
their statesmen omitted to take notice
of the State of Val di Vestino, and by
this omission the district, formerly
ruled by Kings and Emperors, became
a illyrian republic. This republic has
now 2,000 inhabitants living in six vil-
lages.Unharassed by taxes, compulsory mili-
tary service, and authorities, big and
small, these 2,000 people live not only
the simple, but the ideal life. Both
Austria and Italy have offered to lend
them the services of their law courts,
if necessary, but such are not required.
The six villages of Val di Vestino, be-
tween them, employ a single pastor,
who also administers the school, but
the clerical gentleman receives no regu-
lar salary. The republic merely allows
him to use certain lands for his main-
tenance.The only industry in the republic is
charcoal burning, and both Italy and
Austria permit its importation toll free.
The people of Val di Vestino can reach
Austria by a narrow footpath and there
are several mule paths leading
into Italy.POLYGLOT POLICEMEN
PATROL PARIS STREETSPARIS, April 4.—Paris, which already
possesses bicycle policemen, motor-
cycle policemen and policemen on horse-
back, has another species of police, the
polyglot policeman, who will speak
English, German, or Spanish.Fifty of them who have been taking
lessons for four months are now pa-
trolling the main boulevards, Avenue
de l'Opera, Rue Royale and Chaussee
d'Antin, ready to assist foreign visitors,
unable to speak French. The Germans
wear a blue band around their sleeves,
the Spanish-speaking wear the national
colors of the hidalgoes, while the Eng-
lish-speaking wear a white and red
band with the words "English spoken."CEMENT FOR ARMOR
SCHEME OF FRANCENaval Experimenters Say
It Is Proof Against
Shells.PARIS, April 4.—Cement may take the
place of armor plates in the French
navy, as experiments with a certain
cement of French invention have shown
a surprising resistance to shells fired
from the heaviest naval guns. The
composition of the cement is kept a
secret by the government, but it is
known that it will weigh much less
than the present heavy armor.The idea of using cement armor, a French
naval architect said, is not new. The
Russians were the first to use it in re-
pairing the battleship Sebastopol during
the Russo-Japanese war.In March, 1904, the Sebastopol was
rammed by the Peresviat, another Rus-
sian ironclad, and a leak seven meters
long was repaired with cement.Later the same vessel was hit once
by a torpedo, battered by many shells,
and after her last fight was found to
have been hit by six torpedoes. In spite
of this, the cement was found to be
practically undamaged, and this fact
gave a French naval architect the idea
of experimenting with cement until he
found one which he says will make
the French battleships of the future in-
vulnerable.Loubet in Tears
When Reminded
Of Past GloriesPARIS, April 4.—A few days ago M.
Emile Loubet, former President of
France, was the guest of honor at a
dinner given at the Palais Elysees by
President Fallieres.It was not without melancholy feel-
ings that M. Loubet looked again at
the familiar surroundings, among which
he spent seven years of his life—the
salons, the conservatories, the banquet
hall.After the dinner he asked President
Fallieres to be permitted to see his old
private office. Nothing was changed,
not even the heavy Savonnerie carpe-
ts. "It was here," M. Loubet said with a
sigh, "that I used to sign papers of
state."Then discovering the Presidential pen,
he said to his host:"My dear president, won't you please
let me sign a paper again?"President Fallieres smiled, rather em-
barrassed, as he replied:

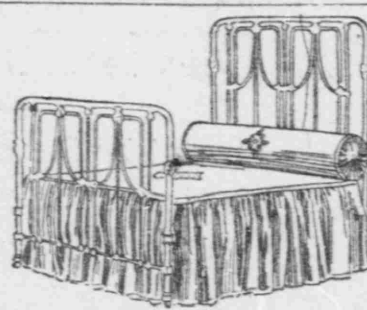
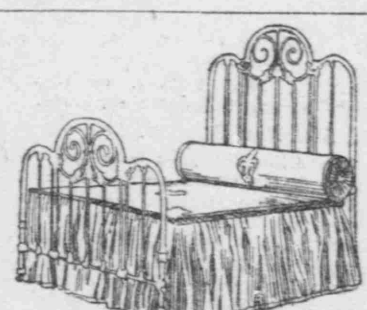
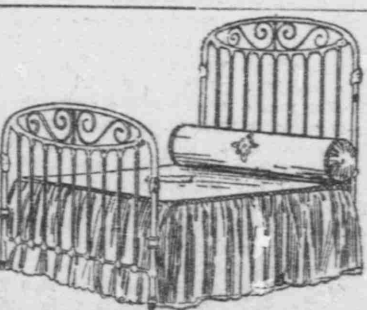
"It would not be quite constitutional."

"Have no fear. I want to sign only
for the pleasure of signing."And as the President acquiesced, Mr.
Loubet sat down at the magnificent
desk and slowly dipped the pen in the
massive inkwell, surrounded by the
Gaulle cock, and wrote:

"President de la Republique."

Then he looked at the paper in silence
for a moment and tore it slowly in two.
While the flames in the open fireplace
consumed the paper, the tears rolled
down the former President's cheeks.

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